OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, January 4, 1968

The Lansing Fire Board met in regular session and was called to order by Chairman David V. Buhl.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Sheathelm, Buhl, Rathbun, Ridenour, Kauffman, Canady and Hill—7.

Absent: Commissioner Wolfram—1.

Commissioner Wolfram was excused from the meeting.

Councilman Louis Adado attended the meeting.

By Commissioner Canady—

I move the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as printed.

Supported by Commissioner Sheathelm.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Space presented a letter of appreciation from Mr. and Mrs. Don Catlin for the courteous and efficient manner that Larry Pung and Thomas Pizzo exhibited during an ambulance call December 29, 1967 to assist Mr. Catlin.

Received and placed on file, with a copy of the letter to firemen Larry Pung and Thomas Pizzo.

Chief Space presented a letter of appreciation from Mr. Brian K. Moore, 2820 Tulane Drive, Lansing, Michigan for the prompt and efficient service of the fire department during an emergency call to his home December 29, 1967.

Received and placed on file.

The Board received a letter from President Gary L. Thomas of the Lansing Fire Fighters Association requesting alteration of the existing policy regarding emergency ambulance calls.

Referred to the Committee of The Whole.

A copy of an editorial broadcast over radio station WILS by Bob Runyon, News Director, was presented to the Board. The editorial, read to the members of the Board, underlined the need for the new Fire Board to re-define the terms of the City Charter regarding emergency ambulance service for the City of Lansing.

Referred to the Committee of The Whole.

Mr. Rodney Palmer of the Lansing Mercy Ambulance Service presented a letter to the Board, expressing his hope that the Board will define the use of the fire department ambulance service. He feels the fire department ambulance should not be used as a means of transportation when no emergency is involved, and that this service is rightfully the business of the private firm.

Referred to the Committee of The Whole.

APPLICATIONS AND RESIGNATIONS

January 4, 1968

Lansing Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Attached is the resignation of Fireman Robert Jones, effective January 7, 1968, from the Lansing Fire Department. He is accepting another position to enable him to continue his education.

I recommend his resignation be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR E. SPACE,
Chief.

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By Commissioner Sheathelm—

I recommend his resignation be accepted.

Supported by Commissioner Ridenour.

Carried.

January 4, 1968

Lansing Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Attached is the notice of retirement from the Lansing Fire Department, effective January 28, 1968, submitted by Captain Robert B. Moore, Jr.

Captain Moore was appointed to the fire department May 1, 1941; promoted to Engineer August 16, 1950; promoted to Lieutenant April 13, 1952 and promoted to the rank of Captain January 12, 1958.

The members of the department join me in wishing him many healthy and happy years in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR E. SPACE,
Chief.

Received and placed on file.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Chief Space gave a report of the activities of the fire department for the past year, stating that although the department answered more alarms and ambulance calls, the fire loss dropped over $2.00 per capita from last year. However, nine deaths from fires were recorded during the year, and the Chief asked the assistance of the new media in publicizing fire safety to reduce deaths from fire.

Chief Space reported that the bids for the new training vehicle will be opened January 9, 1968 and that a radio console had been ordered to complete the radio installation in the fire department that conforms with the similar installation in the police department.

Chief Space reported that calls have been received from the Michigan State Police for the fire department ambulance on accidents outside of the City. The ambulance has responded because no other ambulance has been available at the time of the emergency. The Chief requested the Board to issue a ruling to cover these cases. The members of the Board requested the Chief to follow the same policy in the future until a change should be officially made.

Assistant Chief Burnett reported on members of the department on sick leave, and that only twenty members of the department received flu shots in the recent program.

RESOLUTIONS

A discussion was held regarding the communications that were submitted dealing with the ambulance service of the fire department. As a result of the discussions, the following resolution was formulated and read to the members of the Board:

Be it hereby resolved that the official policy of the Lansing Fire Board shall be to maintain and operate such ambulance, inhalator and other life saving and emergency service as the welfare of the inhabitants of the City may require.

By Commissioner Sheathelm—

I move we adopt this resolution.

Supported by Commissioner Hill.

Carried.

Chairman Buhl directed the Secretary to furnish copies of the resolution to the Chief of Police, the Mayor, the Lansing Fire Fighter's Association, Bob Runyon of WILS and the Mercy Ambulance Service.

Councilman Louis Adado spoke briefly to the Board, and stated he was pleased with the manner the Board handled the ambulance service situation.

By Commissioner Ridenour—

I move we adjourn.

Supported by Commissioner Canady.

Carried.

The Board adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

WILLIAM R. GREW,
Secretary.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, February 1, 1968

The Lansing Fire Board met in regular session and was called to order by Chairman David V. Buhl.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Sheathelm, Buhl, Rathbun, Ridenour, Kauffman, Canady, Wolfram and Hill—8.

Absent: None.

Mr. Russell Brown, Airport Manager, Civil Defense Director James Holcomb and Master Mechanic Virgil Gurecki attended the meeting.

By Commissioner Kauffman—

I move we approve the minutes of the previous meeting as printed.

Supported by Commissioner Sheathelm.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Space presented a letter from Mr. Philip A. Wheeler, Training Specialist for Michigan Technological Universty, Houghton, Michigan, offering his services to the Training Division for the annual rate of $1.00.

Hs offer was accepted, and the letter was received and placed on file.

Chief Space presented a letter from Mr. Russell Brown, Airport Manager for the Michigan Aeronautics Commission, thanking the department for the assistance given the airport in preparing the new fire truck for service. He requested arrangements for "on the scene stand-by" service by the department when their fire truck is out of service due to repairs or when the truck is on an emergency call.

Chief Space explained the situation to the Board members, stating he had requested a ruling from the City Attorney on calls outside the city limits. In the absence of such a ruling, the department answers only emergency calls from the airport and did not furnish stand-by service.

Mr. Brown addressed the Board, thanking them for the cooperation the airport has received. He explained the necessity for stand-by and emergency service, due to the increase in air traffic; and informed the members that an emergency procedure has been formulated in case of a disaster or threat to airport property.

By Commissioner Rathbun—

I move we request an opinion from the City Attorney, at his earliest convenience due to the urgency of this situation, on the legal aspects of fire companies responding to calls outside the city limits in this and related cases; and that Chief Space handle this situation on an emergency basis until we receive the City Attorney's opinion.

Supported by Commissioner Sheathelm.

Carried.

Chief Space submitted a letter of appreciation from Mrs. Fannie S. Noonan, Acting State Librarian, for the speed and efficiency of the ambulance crew members during a call to the library January 17, 1968.

Received and placed on file.

Chief Space presented a letter of appreciation from Douglas McKinstry, Lansing Community College, for the participation of Marshal Phillip Alber in the Custodial In-service training program January 12, 1968.

Received and placed on file.

The Board received a letter from Master Mechanic Virgil P. Gurecki, expressing the need for another mechanic in the Police and Fire Garage. A time study of work in the Garage by Commissioner Rathbun revealed the need for another mechanic to maintain the police department fleet. How-

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ever, the Police Board did not include a request for additional manpower in their 1968-1969 budget request.

Chairman David Buhl requested and received permission from the Board to contact the Police Board regarding this situation.

January 31, 1968

Lansing Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

I sincerely request that call back pay be requested from the Lansing City Council for the officers and firemen that responded to our call for assistance January 30, 1968 at the multiple alarm fire at Gordon's Clothing Store.

Attached is an accounting of the hours worked by the personnel that were called back to duty.

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR E. SPACE,
Chief.

By Commissioner Sheathelm—

I move we refer this request to the Personnel Committee with power to act.

Supported by Commissioner Rathbun.

Carried.

January 31, 1968

Lansing Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

I concur with Deputy Chief Carl Barratt and Acting Officer Joe Woodward in their recommendation for a unit citation for the members of No. 3 Fire Station that responded to the fire at 915 Middle Street December 30, 1967.

The members are: Captain Howard Berg, Engineer Rolland Case and Fireman Larry Flitton of No. 2 Ladder Truck. Acting Officer Joe Woodward, Acting Engineer William Besley and Fireman Gary Thomas of No. 3 Engine.

A citizen's award is recommended for Leo Taylor, commending him for his actions at the same fire.

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR E. SPACE,
Chief.

Referred to the Committee of The Whole, and the Secretary directed to prepare citations from the Fire Board.

APPLICATIONS AND RESIGNATIONS

February 1, 1968

Lansing Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Attached are the resignations of probationary firemen Thomas Pizzo and Rollon McIntyre, effective January 14, 1968.

I recommend their resignations be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR E. SPACE,
Chief.

By Commissioner Wolfram—

I recommend their resignations be accepted.

Supported by Commissioner Kauffman.

Carried.

February 1, 1968

Lansing Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Dispatcher Thayer Lillie has completed his probationary period in the department, and reports from his commanding officers indicate his work is satisfactory.

I recommend his appointment to the fire department be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR E. SPACE,
Chief.

By Commissioner Kauffman—

I recommend his appointment to the fire department be confirmed.

Supported by Commissioner Wolfram.

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners Sheathelm, Canady and Buhl of the Finance Committee gave a verbal report of the budget hearing held January 24th in the Mayor's Conference Room. Most of the budget requests are self explanatory, and the request for emergency call back pay will be thoroughly discussed at the Council budget hearing.

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February 1, 1968

Lansing Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Your Personnel Committee recommends the following promotions in the fire department, effective January 28, 1968 to fill vacancies that exist:

Lieutenant Lawrence Smith to Captain.

Engineer Willard Jedlicka to Lieutenant.

Fireman Richard Bowers to Engineer.

Personnel Committee,

JACK F. WOLFRAM,
Chairman,
BERNICE C. HILL,
Vice Chairman,
JOHN C. RATHBUN,
RALPH E. KAUFFMAN, JR.

By Commissioner Wolfram—

I move the Committee report be adopted.

Supported by Commissioner Rathbun.

Carried.

Commissioner Rathbun, Chairman of the Buildings and Equipment Committee, gave a verbal report of the situation in the dispatching room at Central Station. The American Insurance Association recommends the window areas be sealed off to protect personnel and equipment. The situation has been inspected by councilmen and Public Service Director Robert Backus. Plywood panels, steel panels with baked enamel, stainless steel screen and brick were considered. The best bid for this project that complies with the building code is $1,275.00 to brick in the window area.

By Commissioner Rathbun—

I move we request funds from the City Council to have the window area bricked in.

Supported by Commissioner Ridenour.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Space reported there were 237 ambulance calls for the month, with only one call that was questionable.

The Chief reported that Chief Briggs of the Grand Ledge Fire Department has checked with their insurance carrier, and their members are covered on all calls outside of the city limits. The members and equipment of departments assisting them are also covered by insurance.

Chief Space reported that members of the Training Division and Fireman Robert Hodges are attending the Fire Training School at Ann Arbor; and that two members of the Fire Prevention Bureau will attend the Building Code School at Battle Creek for five days next week.

Chief Space and Assistant Chief Burnett visited the training facilities at Flint and at Jackson. Discussions with the chiefs of these two departments revealed the good and bad points of their installations.

The Chief informed the Board that the Lansing Fire Department received fourth place in the N. F. P. A. Fire Prevention contest for 1967.

Assistant Chief Burnett reported that seven members of the department were on sick leave, and that the training vehicle had been ordered.

Vice President Victor Rairigh of the Fire Fighter's Association addressed the Board regarding the amount of "acting time" and the need for additional personnel as recommended in the American Insurance Association's report of the City of Lansing.

Chairman David Buhl requested a meeting for the Committee of The Whole to review the proposed Rules and Regulations of the Lansing Fire Department. The date decided upon was February 8, 1968 at 7:00 P.M. at Central Fire Station.

By Commissioner Kauffman—

I move we adjourn.

Supported by Commissioner Rathbun.

Carried.

The Board adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

WILLIAM R. GREW,
Secretary.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, March 7, 1968

The Lansing Fire Board met in regular session and was called to order by Chairman David V. Buhl.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Sheathelm, Buhl, Rathbun, Ridenour, Kauffman, Canady and Hill—7.

Absent: Commissioner Wolfram—1.

Commissioner Wolfram was excused from the meeting.

By Commissioner Kauffman—

I move we waive regular procedure and meet as a Committee of The Whole at this time to transact special business not completed at the last meeting.

Supported by Commissioner Sheathelm.

Carried.

Chairman Buhl requested the Secretary to read the recommendations from officers for citations for members of the department and for Mr. Cleo Taylor to the Committee of The Whole.

The letter from Deputy Chief Carl Barratt recommending company citations for No. 2 Ladder Company and No. 3 Engine Company; and a citizen's citation for Mr. Cleo Taylor for their excellent actions during the fire at 915 Middle Street December 30, 1967 was read.

A letter from Acting Officer Joe Woodward commending Acting Engineer William Besley and Fireman Gary Thomas for their excellent actions in rendering first aid to the victims of the fire at 915 Middle Street was read.

A recommendation from Assistant Chief Burnett for citations for Lieutenant Richard Bailey and Fireman Al Mellen for their excellent actions at the fire at 115 East St. Joseph Street February 1, 1967 was read.

A letter from Chief Space, concurring in the recommendations for the citations, and recommending a citizen's award for Mr. Cleo Taylor was read.

By Commissioner Hill—

I recommend we present citations to the fire companies, to the members of the department and to Mr. Cleo Taylor for their meritorious services to the City of Lansing.

Supported by Commissioner Rathbun.

Carried.

Chairman Buhl presented a citation and a pin signifying membership to the Citation Club to Mr. Cleo Taylor, congratulating him and expressing the appreciation of the members of the Board.

Chairman Buhl presented a citation for No. 2 Ladder Company to Captain Howard Berg, a member of this company with Engineer Rolland Case and Fireman Larry Flitton.

Chairman Buhl presented a citation for No. 3 Engine Company to Acting Officer Joe Woodward, a member of this company with Acting Engineer William Besley and Fireman Gary L. Thomas.

Chairman Buhl presented Lieutenant Richard Bailey and Fireman Al Mellen with citations.

Each member of the Board, Chief Space and Assistant Chief Burnett personally congratulated the recipients of the awards.

Chairman Buhl called the regular meeting back to order.

By Commissioner Kauffman—

I move we approve the minutes of the previous meeting as printed.

Supported by Commissioner Sheathelm.

Carried.

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COMMUNICATIONS

To: Board of Fire Commissioners

From: T. A. Clem, Assistant City Attorney

2-23-1968

Subject: Lansing Fire Department —

Stand-by services for the Airport

Michigan's Constitution encourages agreements between governments to furnish services, et al, at Article VII, Sec. 28. Then, the state gives any municipal corporation the right to contract with any "person" to furnish property to outside the corporate limits, for an adequate consideration, any lawful municipal service which it is furnishing to property within its corporate limits, M.S.A. *5.4083. "Person" in this section is defined to include the State or any of its subdivisions.

I would consider the "Airport" a subdivision of the State, referring to M.S.A. *10.201, wherein the Lansing Airport is brought into being.

As far as liability is considered, a joint and several exposure would exist, including the City of Lansing and the Airport. Questions can arise under Workmen's Compensation, but, basically, our firemen would be entitled to look to Lansing as the employer.

Our insurance coverage with Auto-Owners provides "Contractual Liability" coverage, which would have application to this matter, but it would not extend their exposure to the Airport facility. Any contract with the "Airport" should include an agreement with the "Airport" to hold the city harmless from the Airport's liability. Also, the policy excludes liability caused by, or to, aircraft or to airport property.

Relative to physical damage to fire equipment, the insurance coverage is applicable without limitations as to distance beyond the city limits.

This appears to answer the questions asked in your letter of February 2, 1968. Please feel free to call on us for any further assistance you may require.

T. A. Clem,
Assistant City Attorney.

Chief Space was directed to have a document drawn up covering the required services with the Airport Authority and submit the document to the City Attorney for his approval.

The Fire Board received notice that the City Council had approved the report of the Buildings and Properties and the Public Safety committees recommending closing in the windows of the dispatching room at Central Station with brick.

Referred to the Buildings and Equipment Committee. Commissioner Rathbun, Chairman of the Buildings and Equipment Committee, informed the members of the Board the brick had been ordered and the work would start in about two weeks.

February 12, 1968

Lansing Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

I wish to thank the two gentlemen who were so kind and courteous at my home during a very trying time. I have been told their names are: Ronald Freeman and Roger Wolcott of Ambulance No. 41.

MRS. CLARA PHILLIPS,

1614 Boston Boulevard,

Lansing, Michigan.

Received and placed on file, with copies of the letter to the two firemen.

Chief Space presented a letter of thanks from Township Supervisor Ray Wilder for the services of Marshal Phillip Alber during the investigation of a fire in Benton Township.

Received and placed on file.

Chief Space presented a letter from Mrs. Michael Eisenhauer, Teen Program Director for the YWCA, for the program presented by Marshal Alber during the Baby Sitting Training Clinic February 24, 1968.

Received and placed on file.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Rathbun, Chairman of the Buildings and Equipment Committee, informed the members of the Board his committee had inspected the fire stations, and will submit recommendations regarding work to be done.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Chief Space reported that no complaints were registered regarding ambulance service, and that four members had started training prior to being assigned to duty.

He reported the new training vehicle had been placed in service, and two extra seats had been installed.

The new radio console has been received, and the cable for installation has been installed by our Alarm Division.

Chief Space gave a detailed report of the two day Fire Chief's Training Conference

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he attended at the University of Michigan. During this conference, the State Police and National Guard officials explained their duties during civil disturbances and informed the fire chiefs of the assistance they could expect from them. The Chief attended a panel discussion conducted by the Michigan Muncipal League, and he requested the permission of the Board to submit the training manual to their Training Committee so competitive examinations for promotions can be formulated and used for future promotions.

Referred to the Personnel Committee.

Assistant Chief Burnett reported that six members were on sick leave. The 35,000 watt generator has been installed on Truck 30, and will be suitable for use to replace the normal electric supply at No. 1 Station, portions of the City Hall or for other emergency situations.

Assistant Chief Burnett informed the members of the Board there will be a command post meeting with the Police Department March 21, 1968 in the Police Administration Building, second floor, and he invited all of the Board members to attend.

GENERAL ORDER

Commissioner Canady asked the Chairman if the Board had received any answer to the request for call back pay for the members of the department that were called back to duty during the Gordon Clothing Store fire.

Chairman Buhl stated that he had not received official information regarding the request, but he understood it was in committee and the rate of pay was under discussion.

Engineer Rolland Case, a member of the Mediation Board of Local 421, informed the members of the Board that members of the Mediation Board were going to Detroit March 8th to confer with the Fire Fighter's Association lawyer regarding the revised Fire Department Rules and Regulations.

By Commissioner Ridenour—

I move we adjourn.

Supported by Commissioner Sheathelm.

Carried.

The Board adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

WILLIAM R. GREW,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, March 1, 1968

Meeting called to order by Chairman Tietz at 7:30 P.M.

Present: Mrs. Borgman, Messrs. Faggion, Granger, Mosher, Russell, Saenz, Tietz—7.

Absent: Mr. Hack—1.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Referral from the City Council of a request from the Wolverine Development Company to vacate a portion of Latham Street.

Report from the Committee on Streets and Sidewalks recommending that the request be denied because of possible future street need.

Motion by Mr. Mosher supported by Mr. Saenz that the report of the Committee be accepted.

Carried.

Referral from the City Council of a letter from W. F. Berard requesting an alarm device on a pumping station.

Mr. Backus presented a cost estimate of installing a warning device on the station.

Motion by Faggion supported by Mrs. Borgman that the alarm be installed and that Mr. Berard be notified of the installation.

Carried.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceeding, April 4, 1968

April 4, 1968

The Lansing Fire Board met in regular session and was called to order by Chairman David V. Buhl.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Sheathelm, Buhl, Rathbun, Ridenour, Canady, Wolfram and Hill—7.

Absent: Comissioner Kauffman—1.

Commissioner Kauffman was excused from the meeting.

By Commissioner Sheathelm—

I move we approve the minutes of the previous meeting as printed.

Supported by Commissioner Ridenour.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Space presented a letter of appreciation and a card of thanks for the ambulance service from Mr. and Mrs. Milan Rose.

Received and placed on file.

Chief Space presented a letter of thanks for the ambulance service for her mother and father from Mrs. Bessie Smrchek.

Received and placed on file.

Chief Space submitted a letter of thanks from Chief E. D. Tudor of the Hastings Fire Department for permitting Marshal Alber and Captain Fisher to present a program at their County Association meeting.

Received and placed on file, with a copy of the letter to Marshal Alber and Captain Fisher.

Chief Space presented a grievance submitted by Gary L. Thomas, President of Local 421 and signed by Marle S. Clark, Robert B. Schafer, Jack E. Dolbee and Raymond P. Trudeau of the Garage regarding a change in the work schedule in the Police and Fire Garage.

Chief Space stated he had held a meeting with the employees, Gary L. Thomas and Rolland Case. Master Mechanic Gurecki had placed the change in work schedule in effect to alleviate the work load, intensified by the lack of working room in the Garage. He denied the grievance, and informed the members they were welcome to submit a different schedule that would work as well.

Chairman Buhl directed the Secretary to read the related communication that was submitted to the Fire Board by Gary L. Thomas, President of Local 421.

March 25, 1968

Lansing Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Subject: Appeal of Chief Space's decision to deny the grievance of March 17, 1968 regarding the work schedule change in the Garage.

Reason for appeal:

In a letter to me, dated March 21, 1968, Chief Space denied our desired adjustment requested in our grievance dated March 17, 1968, which pointed out that the working hours of the Fire and Police Garage employees had been unilaterally changed with only one working day notice.

Adjustment desired:

That the unilaterally changed work schedule imposed on the employees of the Garage be suspended immediately and negotiations start as soon as possible with the Union on the most feasible work schedule for the efficient operation of the Garage.

For Local 421

Gary L. Thomas, President

By Commissioner Rathbun—

I recommend we refer this appeal to the Personnel Committee with power to act.

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Supported by Commissioner Wolfram.

Carried.

Gary L. Thomas, President of Local 421, filed a grievance with the Fire Board signed by Fire Prevention Bureau inspectors Jack L. Schineman, Dick M. Smalley, Leonard D. Labioda, Gordon E. Adsit and Henry Lecato regarding the refusal to furnish job descriptions for Inspector II and Inspector IV.

Referred to the Personnel Committee and the Personnel Director.

Chief Space submitted a grievance presented by Gary L. Thomas, President of Local 421, regarding overtime assignments without proper compensation in the Fire Prevention Bureau. The grievance was signed by Jack L. Schineman, Dick M. Smalley, Leonard D. Labioda, Gordon E. Adsit and Henry Lecato of the Fire Prevention Bureau.

Referred to Chief Space and the Personnel Committee.

Chief Space presented a grievance submitted by Gary L. Thomas, President of Local 421, regarding the failure to designate an Assistant Fire Marshal. The grievance was signed by Dick M. Smalley, Jack L. Schineman, Leonard D. Labioda and Gordon E. Adsit of the Fire Prevention Bureau.

Referred to Chief Space and the Personnel Committee.

March 25, 1968

Chief Victor Space

Lansing Fire Department

Dear Sir:

Local 421, on behalf of Theodore Davenport, is renewing its previous request that Mr. Davenport's period as a probationary fireman be extended.

We feel that an extension of his probationary period should be granted because of the same reasons advanced by us at the time of his discharge. At that time we pointed out that he had been working under unusual circumstances in that he had been injured on duty shortly after he was hired and had spent a large portion of his first year on "light duty" which may have prevented him from becoming an accepted member of his fire fiighting crew. It was not clearly established at that time that he was not a satisfactory employee.

It would appear that a re-evaluation of the entire matter could result in your granting our request.

Sincerely,

GARY L. THOMAS,
President.

A brief discusion was held regarding the publicity given the request before it had been received by the Chief and the Board. The request was referred to Chief Space, and his reply to this request submitted to the Personnel Committee for a report back to the Board.

Chief Space submitted a leter from Bruce M. Hartwick Associates outlining the cost breakdown on the proposed Lansing Fire Academy. The Chief presented an architect's drawing of the proposed building, and explained his recommendations for installations and equipment requested.

Referred to the Buildings and Equipment Committee.

April 1, 1968

Chief Victor Space

Lansing Fire Department

Lansing, Michigan

Dear Chief Space:

On behalf of the family of the late Judge Louis E. Coash, and our own organization, I would like to thank you for the very efficient help your organization gave during his services.

When busy men give of their time and talents to help with the Memorial Service of a friend, we think it commendable. Again thanking you, I beg to remain

Sincerely,

LLOYD H. BUSH,

Received and placed on file, with a copy to the Honor Guard.

Chief Space presented a request from Fireman Samuel R. Hopkins for funds to equip the Fire Department Slow Pitch Team. He also invited the Chief and the members of the Fire Board to atend all of the games this year and support the fine team.

By Commissioner Canady—

I move the request be granted.

Suported by Commissioner Hill.

Carried.

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Chief Space presented a letter from Mr. Russell Brown, Airport Manager, stating that an agreement with the Lansing Fire Department and the Airport is being drawn up, and upon completion it will be presented to the Board. He invited the members of the Board to visit the airport April 20, 1968 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. when the new jet 737 Aircraft will be on display. The dedication ceremony, featuring christening of the Aircraft by Mrs. Max Murninghan, will be held at 11:30 A.M.

Received and placed on file.

April 4, 1968

Lansing Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Attached is a request form Chief Dispatcher Harold E. Lynch that Thayer Lillie be promoted from Acting Dispatcher I to Dispatcher II in the Dispatching Division.

I recommend that Thayer Lillie be promoted to Dispatcher II, effective April 7, 1968.

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR E. SPACE,
Chief.

By Commissioner Ridenour—

I move the recommendation be referred to the Personnel Committee with power to act.

Supported by Commissioner Sheathelm.

Carried.

April 4, 1968

Lansing Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Firemen Phillip Randall and Alyson Hurl have completed the usual probationary period with the fire department. Reports from their officers indicate their work has been satisfactory, and they have passed physical examinations.

I recommend their appointments to the Lansing Fire Department be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR E. SPACE,
Chief.

By Commissioner Rathbun—

I move their appointments to the fire department be confirmed.

Supported by Commissioner Canady.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Space gave a brief report on the members of the department that were off duty due to illness.

Assistant Chief Burnett and Chief Training Instructor Brethauer attended the Fire Training Instructor's Conference at Memphis, Tennessee; Marshal Phillip Alber and Lieutenant Lawrence Gunnell attended a one day Seminar at Muskegon; Captain Fisher and Lieutenant Gunnell have registered to attend a one week Officer's Training Seminar at the University of Michigan Extension Service April 8-12, 1968.

The specifications for radios for the police and fire equipment have been rewritten and new bids have been requested as a result of a meeting with the Purchasing Director.

The roofs at No. 1, No. 3 and No. 6 stations are being repaired.

The security changes recommended by the members of the Board who inspected the stations are in the process of being completed.

Chief Space reported that 30 face guards for helmets have been received, and are being placed in service on a trial basis. Reports from other departments are very favorable as a safety factor for fighting fire.

The hoist in the garage has been repaired, and a serious accident was averted by the members of the garage when a hydraulic hose failed.

The new radio console has been installed in the Dispatching office. All of the components have not been received, but radio reception has been improved, and Chief Space invited the members of the Board to inspect the installation after the meeting.

GENERAL ORDER

Commissioner Canady stated he was pleased the department received many letters of appreciation, but wondered if there were any letters of complaints submitted to the department.

Chief Space explained that, as yet, no leters of complaint had been received. He has received some isolated complaints by telephone, but has managed to handle them to the satisfaction of the complainant.

Commissioner Ridenour reported that he and Commissioner Sheathelm had attended the Command Post excerises at the Police

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Building March 21st. He was very pleased with the system, and very favorably impressed by the efficient work of Chief Dispatcher Harold Lynch.

Jim LaRoue of WILS stated he was formulating a letter of thanks for the fine work the department performed at a fire in his home.

Vice President Victor Rairigh and Rolland Case of the Mediation Board of Local 421 stated they were sure that there had been a misunderstanding regarding the letter submitted relative to the Davenport request.

By Commissioner Rathbun—

I move we adjourn.

Suported by Commissioner Canady.

Carried.

The Board adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

WLLAM R. GREW,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, March 27, 1968

The regular meeting of the Air Pollution Board was held Wednesday evening, March 27, 1968, at 7:30 p.m., in Room G-30, City Hall.

March 27, 1968

Present: Board Members Bock, Dodson, Kloeckner, Ruth, Tableman, Tamer and Zapata—7.

Absent: Board Member Ray—1.

Guests: Mr. Swift, Mr. Davis and Mr. Jager, Michigan Dept. of Public Health; and Messrs. Ellsworth, Engle and Schuster of Centrifuse, Inc.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman. The secretary anounced the presence of a quorum. It was moved by Mr. Kloeckner, seconded by Mrs. Bock, that minutes of the February meeting be approved as distributed.

Motion carried.

Mr. Pesterfield reported that Davis Chemical is working on the engineering necessary for completion of their control equipment and recommended continuing the complaint until next meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Ruth, seconded by Mr. Tamer, that the Board concur in the recommendation of the engineer.

Motion carried.

The engineer reported that he has been watching Melling Drop Forge. They have improved their operation and are now in violation only two-three minutes at a time. He will continue to keep them under surveillance and recommends continuing until the next meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Tamer, seconded by Mr. Dodson, that the Board concur in the recommendation of the engineer.

Motion carried.

Mr. Pesterfield reports conference with Mr. Partington and Mr. Smith regarding Oak Park Elementary and Eastern High schools. The problem at Oak Park is burning of milk cartons, paper cups, etc., in the stoker fire. They do not have an incinerator. The Eastern High school problem is one of improper operation. Both Mr. Partington and Mr. Smith have promised cooperation. Mr. Pesterfield recommends that he continue to work with Mr. Smith on the Oak Park problem.

It was moved by Mrs. Bock, seconded by Mr. Kloeckner, that the Board concur in the recommendation of the engineer.

Motion carried.

Mr. Pesterfield recommend that the complaint regarding Eastern be continued until next month while he watches them.

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Robert Corbit, Assistant City Engineer, reported on the status of the current and proposed sewer projects.

William Ancell, Assistant Director, reported on the status of Capitol Area Development projects.

Mr. Backus reported on the progress being made in correcting oil pollution of the Grand River, status of the trash pick-up and presented figures on snow removal costs for the past winter.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. WAIDELICH,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, May 2, 1968

The Lansing Fire Board met in regular session and was called to order by Chairman David V. Buhl.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Sheathelm, Buhl, Rathbun, Ridenour, Canady and Hill—6.

Absent: Commissioners Kauffman and Wolfram—2.

Commissioners Kauffman and Wolfram were excused from the meeting.

By Commissioner Sheathelm—

I move we approve the minutes of the previous meeting as printed.

Supported by Commissioner Ridenour.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Space submitted a letter from Wayne L. Ensing, Supervising Adjuster for Michigan Millers Mutual Insurance Company, commending the Fire Department on a very prompt and efficient job of fire fighting at the Stanley Reed residence, 424 McPherson Street, March 6, 1968. He also mentioned the good work on other fires during the last few months.

Received and placed on file, with copies sent to the stations.

Chief Space presented a letter of thanks and commendation for the services of the ambulance from Beryl B. Mullett, 1130 Cleo Street. The two attendants were firemen John Volz and Wendell Gibson.

Received and placed on file, with copies to the two firemen.

Chief Space presented a letter of appreciation for the members of Squad No. 1, No. 3 Ladder and engine companies 6 and 8 for their efforts during a fire at 218 North Fairview Street March 14, 1968. The letter was submitted by James LaRoue on behalf of his roomates Frank Mehl, Wayne Ruppal, Terry Jarka and himself.

Received and placed on file, with copies to the stations.

Chief Space presented a letter of appreciation for the "superlative manner in which the fire loss was contained" at the Smith Floral Company fire April 7, 1968 from Lawrence S. Smith. The fire was discovered by Fireman Terry Hinman, and his prompt action of reporting the fire was certainly most fortunate for the Company.

Received and placed on file, with copies to the stations.

A letter of thanks for the participation of the fire department in the Protection Seminar in March from Albert C. Boyd, Executive Vice-president of the Chamber

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of Commerce of Greater Lansing was submitted by Chief Space.

Received and placed on file, with a copy to Marshal Alber.

APPLICATIONS AND RESIGNATIONS

May 2, 1968

Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Attached is the resignation of Fireman James Wood from the Lansing Fire Department. He has decided to accept an opportunity in Florida.

I recommend his resignation be accepted, effective May 5, 1968.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor E. Space, Chief

By Commissioner Hill—

I recommend his resignation be accepted.

Supported by Commissioner Rathbun.

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

April 9, 1968

Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

We approve the recommendation submitted by Chief Space that Acting Dispatcher I Thayer Lillie be promoted to Dispatcher II, effective April 7, 1968.

Personnel Committee,

JACK F. WOLFRAM,
Chairman,

BERNIECE C. HILL,
Vice Chairman,

JOHN C. RATHBUN.

Received and placed on file.

(Personnel Committee granted power to act, Fire Board meeting of April 4, 1968).

April 8, 1968

Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

The Personnel Committee met with Personnel Director Daniel Bodwin and Chief Space regarding the grievance relative to job descriptions on the Fire Prevention Bureau.

The Personnel Director has agreed to furnish job descriptions for Inspector II and Inspector IV in the Fire Prevention Bureau. On most inspections, the Inspector II is assigned with an Inspector IV for usual work assignments.

Personnel Committee,

JACK F. WOLFRAM,
Chairman,

BERNIECE C. HILL,
Vice Chairman,

JOHN C. RATHBUN.

Chief Space distributed the above descriptions to the personnel of the Fire Prevention Bureau on Wednesday, April 10, 1968.

Received and placed on file, with a copy to Local 421.

April 10, 1968

Mr. Gary L. Thomas, President

Local 421, Fire Fighters Association

Lansing, Michigan

RE: Designate an Assistant Fire Marshal

Dear Sir:

The appointment of an Assistant Fire Marshal in the Fire Prevention Bureau is a matter of administrative responsibility and judgment. Therefore, we do not consider this to be a subject for labor-management negotiations.

We do wish to express our appreciation for your giving us your thinking on the subject.

Personnel Committee,

JACK F. WOLFRAM,
Chairman,

BERNIECE C. HILL,
Vice Chairman,

JOHN C. RATHBUN,

VICTOR E. SPACE,
Chief.

By Commissioner Rathbun—

I move we concur with the Personnel Committee.

Supported by Commissioner Sheathelm.

Carried.

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April 10, 1968

Mr. Gary L. Thomas, President

Local 421, Fire Fighters Association

Lansing, Michigan

Subject: Appeal of Chief Space's decision to deny grievance of March 17, 1968 regarding the work schedule change in the Garage.

Dear Sir:

The above was referred to the Personnel Committee by the Fire Board with power to act. In the opinion of the Personnel Committee it is the responsibility of the administration of the Fire Department to arrange the work schedules for the most efficient operation of the Department. In this case it is deemed necessary to have four men on days and four men on nights. This is a management decision and not subject to union negotiations.

Chief Space is willing to negotiate rotation periods, but in the meantime it will be necessary to continue the monthly rotation period.

Personnel Committee,

JACK F. WOLFRAM,
Chairman,

BERNIECE C. HILL,
Vice Chairman,

JOHN C. RATHBUN.

Received and placed on file.

April 9, 1968

Mr. Gary L. Thomas, President

Local 421, Fire Fighters Association

Re: Overtime assignments without pay

Dear Sir:

The reason for this grievance, compensation for overtime duty, is under negotiations with the City of Lansing at this time. The Fire Board can not negotiate to settle this grievance for this reason.

Personnel Committee,

JACK F. WOLFRAM,
Chairman,

BERNIECE C. HILL,
Vice Chairman,

JOHN C. RATHBUN,

VICTOR E. SPACE,
Chief.

Referred to the Personnel Committee for further study.

May 2, 1968

Lansing Fire Fighters

Local 421

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of March 25, 1968, received by us on March 27, 1968, regarding the request for a hearing on the dismissal of Theodore Davenport on March 25, 1967 by Chief Victor E. Space.

An investigation by the Board has found the following actions a matter of record in this case. At a meeting of the Police and Fire Board on March 7, 1967, the Board concurred with the recommendation of Chief Space to terminate the employment of Theodore Davenport effective March 25, 1967.

The Human Relations Committee of the City of Lansing, on May 11, 1967, as a result of their investigation, determined that the action imposed on Theodore Davenport by the City of Lansing Fire Department was not taken because of race, color, creed, national origin or ancestry. The Subcommittee on Unemployment of the Human Relations Committee withdrew from any further involvement in the case.

On January 5, 1968, on a motion made by the Lansing City Attorney, the Circuit Court dismissed the case as other means had not been exhausted. At that time, the case was pending with the State Mediation Board.

Subsequently, Mr. Davenport has filed this case in the Grand Rapids Federal District Court.

Upon the advice of its counsel, this Board has determined that the Davenport case is beyond the jurisdiction of this Board until such time as a Court decision on present litigation has been reached. It is for this reason that the Board hereby declines your request for a hearing on the Davenport case.

Committee of The Whole.
Lansing Fire Board,
BERNIECE C. HILL,
RUSSELL W. SHEATHELM,
JACK B. RIDENOUR,
DAVID V. BUHL,
JOHN C. RIDENOUR,
CLINTON CANADY, JR.

By Commissioner Sheathelm—

I move the Committee of The Whole report be adopted.

Supported by Commissioner Ridenour.

Carried.

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REPORT OF OFFICERS

Chief Space reported that eight members of the department were on sick leave. He reported that April was a record month, with a total of 550 alarms. There were 241 ambulance calls, and 52 building fires. The estimated fire loss for the month is $78,-000.00.

The Chief presented a new type of face guard, recently introduced into the department on a trial basis, for the members of the Board to examine.

April 16, 1968

Mr. Victor E. Space, Chief

Lansing Fire Department

Lansing, Michigan

Dear Sir:

Due to the change in the work schedule in the Police and Fire Garage, I wish to request a transfer to the Fire Fighting Division.

I have worked the hours previously in the Fire Fighting Division, and found them satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

MARLE S. CLARK,
Mechanic.

Chief Space recommended that the transfer be allowed during the brief discussion that followd.

By Commisisoner Rathbun—

I move we concur with the Chief's recommendation that the transfer be allowed.

Supported by Commissioner Hill.

Carried.

May 2, 1968

Mr. Victor E. Space, Chief

Lansing Fire Department

Lansing, Michigan

Dear Sir:

I hereby withdraw the grievance I filed with you March 17, 1968 regarding the time schedule in the Police and Fire Garage.

Sincerely yours,

MARLE S. CLARK,
Mechanic,
Police and Fire Garage.

Received and placed on file, with a copy to the Personnel Committee.

GENERAL ORDER

Commissioner Ridenour asked the Chief if 241 ambulance calls was the average number of calls per month. There were 2,610 ambulance calls in 1967, so there had been no marked increase in calls since the ruling regarding these calls has been in effect. He asked if there had been any recommendation for civilian citations, and the Chief informed him he had not received any. Commissioner Ridenour expressed the opinion that the letters of appreciation should be sent to the Chairman of the Council Public Safety Committee. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Engineer Rolland Case inquired as to the status of Marle Clark, transferred to the Fire Fighting Division. Chief Space stated he would be a full paid Fireman I and would retain his department seniority. There has been no action relative to an Engineer rating.

Engineer Victor Rairigh inquired of the Chief if he was aware of the arrangement made to have three Inspector IV positions instead of an Assistant Marshal. Chief Space explained this arrangement was approved before he was appointed Chief, and was in agreement with the Marshal and Personnel Director. Engineer Rairigh suggested that a shortage of manpower in the Fire Prevention Bureau would limit necessary inspections and that the amount of "acting time" for officers and engineers should be reviewed. Chairman Buhl stated the Personnel Committee was making a study of these issues. He also stated the overtime pay issue was still in committee with the City Council, and efforts are being made to have the payment for this overtime forthcoming as soon as possible.

By Commissioner Ridenour—

I move we adjourn.

Supported by Commissioner Rathbun.

Carried.

The Board adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

WILLIAM R. GREW,
Secretary.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, June 6, 1968

The Lansing Fire Board met in regular session and was called to order by Chairman David V. Buhl.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Buhl, Rathbun, Kauffman, Canady, Hill—5.

Absent: Commissioners Sheathelm, Ridenour, Wolfram—3.

Commissioners Sheathelm, Ridenour and Wolfram were excused from the meeting.

By Commissioner Canady—

I move we approve the minutes of the previous meeting as printed.

Supported by Commissioner Rathbun.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Space submitted a letter of appreciation from P. J. Echel, Assistant Manager of Michigan State Department of Residence Halls, for the program presented by Marshal Alber to the Building Maintenance Supervisor Workshop April 11th.

Received and placed on file.

Chief Space submitted a letter of thanks from Richard Gewain, Fire Protection Engineer for the American Iron and Steel Institute, for the report of a fire at 424 McPherson Street provided by Marshal Alber.

Received and placed on file.

Chief Space presented a letter of appreciation from Mrs. Delores Wojahn for the service of the ambulance for her son April 21st. Firemen Henry James and Dannie Miller were the attendants.

Received and placed on file, with copies of the letter to firemen Henry James and Dannie Miller.

Chief Space presented a card of thanks from the family of Mrs. Rose Fink for the service of the ambulance April 28th. Firemen Montague Thocker and Clarence Griggs were the attendants.

Received and placed on file, with copies of the letter to firemen Montague Thocker and Clarence Griggs.

Chief Space submitted a letter of thanks from Chief Patriarche, East Lansing Fire Department, for the back-up service furnished by the Lansing Fire Department on several occasions.

Received and placed on file.

Chief Space presented a letter of appreciation from L. Marvin Mokma, Past President of the Michigan Fire Inspector's Society, for the work of Inspector Labioda as Secretary of the Society.

Received and placed on file.

Chief Space presented a letter of thanks from Florence M. Ripley, 630 Edison Ave., for the service of the ambulance for her sister May 17th. Firemen Thomas Merchant and Robert O'Brien were the attendants.

Received and placed on file, with copies of the letter to firemen Thomas Merchant and Robert O'Brien.

Chief Space submitted a letter of appreciation for the services of the fire department from James S. Schultz, President of Schultz, Snyder and Steel Lumber Company. Due to the speedy and efficient work of the firemen that responded to the fire call, the losses at their building were relatively small.

Received and placed on file.

Chief Space presented a letter of thanks from Mrs. Louise Randt, 2117 Harding, for the service of the ambulance crew at No. 5

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Station, when her husband was injured. Firemen Dave Womack and Gerry Bogard were the attendants.

Received and placed on file, with a copy of the letter to No. 5 Station.

May 27, 1968

Lansing Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Probationary firemen Wayne Templar, Clarence Dell, Burnard Elliott, Dannie Miller and James Bissell have served the probationary period and have passed department physical examinations. Reports from their commanding officers indicate their work has been satisfactory.

I recommend their appointments to the Lansing Fire Department be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR E. SPACE,
Chief.

By Commissioner Hill—

I move we concur with the Chief's recommendation.

Supported by Commissioner Kauffman.

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman Buhl declared the Board ready to consider the Rules and Regulations as amended by the Committee of The Whole.

By Commissioner Rathbun—

I move we approve the Rules and Regulations as amended.

Supported by Commissioner Kauffman.

Carried.

Chairman Buhl declared the Rules and Regulations adopted, and directed Chief Space to furnish each Station and Division Officer with a copy. Printed copies will not be made until directed by the Board.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Chief Space reported that seven members were on sick leave. He reported 430 alarms for the month, and a decrease in the amount of false alarms and building fires. The fire loss was $14,500.00, and there were 249 ambulance calls. The increase in ambulance calls was due to additional car accidents during the month.

Chief Space informed the Board he was pleased to see the article in the State Journal featuring a favorable report by the Ninth Grade Civics Class at West Junior High School regarding the fire department.

Chief Space informed the members of the Board that specifications had been submitted to the Building and Equipment Committee, including recommendations for an automatic transmission, for two new pumping engines.

Commissioner Rathbun asked the Chief if the new training area is being used for instructional purposes, and Chief Space informed the Board that vandalism is too prevalent at the present time. The drafting area is being cluttered, and by the time the area is cleaned there is no time left for training. He, Assistant Chief Burnett, Director of Public Service Backus and an architect made a survey of the area for future installation of training facilities. Starting this week, the Training Division is using old homes in the Capitol Complex area for training purposes.

GENERAL ORDER

Gary L. Thomas, President of Local 421, informed the members of the Board that the Fire Fighters Association had requested the Mayor and the City Council to place on the ballot, in referendum form, Public Act 78, Civil Service for firemen. They had also submitted a request to the Mayor and the City Council for a hearing regarding the termination of employment of Fireman Theodore Davenport.

He reported the Fire Fighters Association and the City negotiators are still far apart in salary and benefit negotiations, and that negotiations will continue next week. He was happy to report the bill sponsored by Representative Carew, exempting firemen on duty from carrying a driver's license, has been approved and passed.

He informed the Board that the grievance regarding acting capacity has not been acted upon, and the overtime pay for firemen called back to duty during the Gordon Clothing Store fire has not been paid. He requested a meeting with the Board regarding the situation of Theodore Davenport's dismissal.

Chairman Buhl stated the Personnel Committee is to meet in June regarding acting time in the department, and suggested they confer with Chief Space regarding the information relative to Theodore Davenport's case.

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Chairman Buhl stated he had not been able to find out anything about the overtime pay, and hoped information would be available very soon. He read the following letter to the Board:

May 27, 1968

City of Lansing Fire Board

120 East Shiawassee Street

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

It has been brought to the attention of this office an apparent misunderstanding in the information you have on file concerning the Theodore Davenport Jr. case.

In the City Council Proceedings of May 13, 1968 a letter sent by your Board to the Lansing Fire Fighters Local 421 states, "The Human Relations Committee of the City of Lansing, on May 11, 1967, as a result of their investigation, determined that the action imposed on Theodore Davenport by the City of Lansing Fire Department was not taken because of race, color, creed, national origin or ancestry. The Sub-Committee on Employment of the Human Relations Committee withdrew from any further involvement in the case." We wish this to be corrected in view that this report was given by the Employment Sub-Committee at which time the Committee of The Whole tabled the matter until further investigation could be made. Before this could be completed, Mr. Davenport withdrew his complaint from the Human Relations Committee.

Sincerely,

Human Relations Committee,

HUGO B. LUNDBERG, JR., Chairman.

To be made a part of the minutes, and a copy sent to the City Attorney.

By Commissioner Canady—

I move we adjourn.

Supported by Commissioner Hill.

Carried.

The Board adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

WILLIAM R. GREW, Secretary.

The next regular meeting date, first Thursday of the month, is July 4th. A canvas of the members of the Board directly after the June meeting indicated that July 3, 1968 is the most suitable substitute date. Chairman Buhl has changed the date of the next meeting to July 3, 1968.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE URBAN REDEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, May 8, 1968

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Russell at 12:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Hager, Messrs. Rosa, Russell, Griffin, Hilley and Reynolds—6.

Absent: Messrs. Eschbach and Ramey—2.

Guests in attendance: Mr. Ben Schwendener, representative and owner of land in the proposed Project No. 2; Bruce King, Attorney for the Redevelopment Board; Ray Guernsey, Planning Director; James Spackman, Planning Department; Patrick Brunett, Vilican-Leman and Associates, Inc.; Arthur Richardson and Merle Peacock, Redevelopment Department.

Amendatory Grant Increase—A report was given by Mr. Peacock, Assistant Redevelopment Director, on the grant increase in the Amendatory to the Contract for Project No. 1, Mich. R-87.

On May 3, 1968 the Redevelopment Director received a telegram from HUD notifying him that an additional grant of $1,688,355 had been approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This additional grant will provide ample funds to cover increased costs of

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Special Meeting, July 1, 1968

The Lansing Fire Board met in special session and was called to order by Chairman David V. Buhl at 10:45 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Sheathelm, Buhl, Rathbun, Kauffman, Canady, Hill—6.

Absent: Commissioners Ridenour and Wolfram—2.

Chairman Buhl stated that all business except the present emergency would be dispensed with until the regular monthly meeting.

By Commissioner Kauffman—

The Fire Board recognizes that a state of emergency exists, and that Chief Space is to cancel all leaves and make every effort to man the fire stations.

Supported by Commissioner Hill.

Carried (unanimously).

Chairman Buhl stated the Board would meet at 8:00 A.M. July 2, 1968 for a report from Chief Space, and to take whatever further steps are necessary.

By Commissioner Sheathelm—

I move the Board adjourn.

Supported by Commissioner Canady.

Carried.

The Board adjourned at 11:05 A.M.

WILLIAM R. GREW,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, June 26, 1968

The regular meeting of the Air Pollution Board was held Wednesday evening, June 26, 1968, at 7:30 p.m., in Room G-30, City Hall.

Present: Board Members Bock, Kloeckner, Ray, Ruth, Tableman and Zapata—6.

Absent: Board Members Dodson and Tamer—2.

Guests: Edward Ellsworth, Centrifuse; Norris Ingells, State Journal; and a number of interested citizens.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the Secretary announced the presence of a quorum. It was moved by Mr. Kloeckner, seconded by Mr. Ruth, that the Board approved minutes of the April meeting as printed and approve action taken at the May meeting.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Bock, seconded by Ruth, that C. H. Pesterfield and Norma

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Donovan be reappointed as engineer and secretary respectively.

Motion carried.

Mr. Pesterfield's report indicated no further complaints regarding Lansing Iron and Metal but he recommends that it be held in abeyance while he continues to check. It was moved by Mr. Kloeckner, seconded by Mr. Ruth, that the Board concur in the recommendation of the Engineer.

Mr. Pesterfield's report also indicated that Davison Chemical is making progress on construction of their tank.

Mr. Ellsworth appeared in compliance with the Board"s May request. He brought a model of the installation being planned. Construction for the equipment foundation, demolition of one cupola and partial rebuilding of the other with installation of additional wet caps will be done during the July shutdown, according to contracts which have just been let. The contract for control equipment will be signed with National Dust Collector Corporation pending clarification in contract wording. They expect the equipment, which will begin to arrive in September, to be operational by April 1, 1969, and hope to improve on that date. Mr. Pesterfield's report includes continued complaints. A general discussion followed with questions from the Board and from the public. It was moved by Mr. Ruth, seconded by Mr. Zapata, that the Board continue to carry this complaint pending completion of their installation.

Motion carried.

Mr. Tableman opened the floor to nominations for Chairman for 1968-1969. Mr. Ruth nominated and Mrs. Bock seconded Mr. Tableman. There being no further nominations, It was moved by Mr. Kloeckner, seconded by Mr. Ruth, that nominations be closed and Mr. Tableman declared elected unanimously.

Motion carried.

The floor was then opened to nominations for Vice-Chairman. Mr. Kloeckner nominated, second by Mrs. Bock, Mr. Ruth. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Mr. Kloeckner, seconded by Mrs. Bock, that nominations be closed and Mr. Ruth declared elected unanimously.

Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held July 31, 1968, in Room G-30, City Hall.

It was moved by Mrs. Bock that the meeting be adjourned. So ordered at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MARVIN TABLEMAN,
Chairman,

NORMA DONOVAN,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
FIRE BOARD
OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, July 2, 1968

The Lansing Fire Board met in regular session (changed from July 3, 1968 to assure a quorum) and was called to order by Chairman David V. Buhl.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Sheathelm, Buhl, Rathbun, Ridenour, Kauffman, Canady—6.

Absent: Commissioners Wolfram, Hill —2.

Commissioners Wolfram and Hill were excused from the meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

By Commissioner Kauffman—

I move we vote to retain the same officers for the next year.

Supported by Commissioner Sheathelm.

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The Secretary was directed to record to vote.

Those in favor of the motion: Commissioners Sheathelm, Rathbun, Canady, Ridenour, Kauffman, Buhl—6.

Those opposed—0.

Carried unanimously.

By Commissioner Sheathelm—

I move we approve the minutes of the previous meeting as printed.

Supported by Commissioner Kauffman.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following notification of action was received from the City Council:

The Committee of The Whole to whom was referred the Lansing Fire Fighter's request relative to Public Act 78 reports as follows:

That the matter be referred to the Lansing Fire Board for its study and analysis with the reference to over-all desirablity and existing provisions and requirements of the City Charter.

Signed:

Committee of The Whole

Adopted:

Unanimously.

Referred to the Personnel Committee.

Chief Space presented a letter of appreciation from Major Charles C. Bragg, Commanding Officer of the United States Army Reserve, Headquarters, 4th Battalion 20th Artillery for the demonstration and programs presented by training officers Raymond Brethauer and Robert Fisher during the weekend training assembly June 15, 1968.

Received and placed on file, with copies to Chief Training Officer Brethauer and Training Captain Fisher.

Chief Space presented a letter of thanks from Harry C. George, M.D. for the prompt service of the ambulance in transporting a patient to the hospital.

Received and placed on file.

APPLICATIONS AND RESIGNATIONS

July 2, 1968

Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Attached is the resignation of Mechanic Raymond Trudeau from the Garage Division of the Lansing Fire Department, effective July 5, 1968.

I recommend his resignation be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor E. Space,
Chief.

By Commissioner Kauffman—

I recommend his resignation be accepted.

Supported by Commissioner Rathbun.

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

June 20, 1968

Lansing Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

The grievance regarding compensation for overtime duty, referred back to the Personnel Committee May 2, 1968 for further study, has been resolved between Chief Space and Local 421.

BERNIECE C. HILL,
Vice Chairman,
Personnel Committee.

Received and placed on file.

June 20, 1968

Lansing Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

As a result of a meeting June 20, 1968 with Local 421, Lansing Fire Fighters, the Personnel Committee recommends that the Fire Board re-affirms the position taken May 2, 1968: that the Davenport case is beyond the jurisdiction of this Board until such time as a court decision on the present litigation has been reached.

Personnel Committee,

BERNICE C. HILL,
Vice Chairman,

JOHN C. RATHUN,
RALPH E. KAUFFMAN, JR.

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By Commissioner Rathbun—

I move the Committee Report be adopted. Supported by Commissioner Kauffman.

Carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Chief Space gave a limited report on ambulance calls, but did not have the time to compile a report on fire calls and fire losses before the meeting. Assistant Chief Burnett reported on fifteen members on sick leave.

Chief Space submitted invoices totalling $137.30 for food used during the emergency at No. 2, No. 9 and No. 1 stations.

By Commissioner Sheathelm—

I move we approve the bills for payment.

Supported by Commissioner Rathbun.

Carried.

Chairman Buhl made the following Committee appointments for 1968-1969.

Presonnel: Berniece C. Hill, Chairman, Ralph E. Kauffman, Vice Chairman, John C. Rathbun, Clinton Canady, Jr.

Finance: Russell Sheathelm, Chairman, Jack B. Ridenour, Vice Chairman, David V. Buhl.

Buildings and Equipment: John C. Rathbun, Chairman, David V. Buhl, Vice Chairman, Russell Sheathelm, Jack B. Ridenour.

Planning: Clinton Canady, Jr., Chairman, Ralph E. Kauffman, Vice Chairman, Beniece C. Hill.

Chairman Buhl recessed the meeting for a brief discussion with Chief Space and Assistant Chief Burnett regarding the emergency in the Fire Department.

Chairman Buhl reconvened the Board.

RESOLUTIONS

By Commissioner Kauffman—

I move we instruct the Chief to follow the prescribed rules regarding the emergencies of July 1st and 2nd.

Supported by Commissioner Ridenour.

Carried.

Chairman Buhl appointed the following members to an Executive Committee to serve with Chief Space during any emergency that may arise:

Commissioners Rathbun, Canady, Kauffman, Buhl.

By Commissioner Kauffman—

I move we confirm the appointments to the Executive Committee, and that we grant them power to act during any emergency.

Supported by Commissioner Canady.

Carried.

By Commissioner Canady—

I move we adjourn.

Supported by Commissioner Kauffman.

Carried.

The Board adjourned at 8:54 P.M.

WILLIAM R. GREW,
Secretary.

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Chairman—Evelyn M. King

Vice-Chairman—Glenn D. Carnes

Secretary—Ralph F. Swan

2. A motion instructing Manager Baer to get opinion of City Attorney regarding responsibility of employees carrying weapons in building was made by Commissioner Wade, supported by Commissioner Carr, CARRIED.

G. Manager's Report:

1. Building rental report and revenue report for June presented.

H. Announcements:

1. Next meeting to be September 17, 1968. August meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum.

I. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

DORTHA R. MEYERS,
Recording Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, August 1, 1968

The Lansing Fire Board met in regular session, and was called to order by Vice-Chairman John C. Rathbun.

The Lansing Fire Board met in regular session, and was called to order by Vice-Chairman John C. Rathbun.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Sheathelm, Rathbun, Ridenour, Kauffman, Canady, Hill—6.

Absent: Commissioners Buhl, Wolfram —2.

Commissioners Buhl and Wolfram were excused from the meeting.

Councilman Louis Adado also attended the meeting.

By Commissioner Sheathelm—

I move we approve the minutes of the previous meeting as printed.

Supported by Commissioner Ridenour.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Space presented a letter and a check for $50.00 from the Republican State Finance Committee in appreciation of the fine performance of the Firemen at the Fourth Annual Republican Legislative Dinner.

By Commissioner Kauffman—

I move we authorize Chief Space to accept the check on behalf of the Lansing Firemen's Benefit Asociation, and the letter be placed on file.

Supported by Commissioner Canady.

Carried.

Chief Space presented a letter of appreciation from Eustace Roggow, Custodial Supervisor, Lansing Public Schools, for the interesting fire extinguisher demonstration presented by Inspector Henry Lecato.

Received and placed on file, with a copy to Inspector Lecato.

Chief Space presented a letter of appreciation from Mrs. Michael Eisenhauer, Teen Program Director, Y.W.C.A. for the fine talk given by Marshal Alber at the Drop-in-Center.

Received and placed on file.

Chief Space presented a letter of appreciation from Harold Simons for the fine work of the ambulance crew that assisted him after a heart attack.

Recevied and placed on file, with copies to Firemen Larry Earls and Terry Hinman.

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APPLICATIONS AND RESIGNATIONS

July 17, 1968

Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Attached is the resignation of Mechanic Gary L. Trimmer from the Police and Fire Garage, effective July 23, 1968.

I recommend his resignation be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR E. SPACE,
Chief.

By Commissioner Hill—

I recommend his resignation be accepted.

Supported by Commissioner Kauffman.

Carried.

July 26, 1968

Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

The following probationary firemen have satisfactorily completed their probationary period and passed physical examinations:

Gary Bogart, Larry Fliton, Robert Gibson, Edward Kostrzewski, Daniel Parsons, Harry Powers, William Wilson.

I recommend their appointments to the Lansing Fire Department be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR E. SPACE,
Chief.

By Commissioner Kauffman—

I recommend their appointments be confirmed.

Supported by Commissioner Canady.

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Hill reported that the Personnel Committee had not completed their study of Act 78.

Commissioner Ridenour of the Building and Equipment Committee presented the specifications for two 1,250 G.P.M. pumping engines and recommended they be accepted.

Supported by Commissioner Sheathelm.

Carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Chief Space gave a report on the Fire and Ambulance alarms, and the fire loss for the month of July.

Assistant Chief Burnett reported on 9 members on sick leave and that from January 1st thru June 30, 1968 we have recorded 409 sick days compared to 391 days for the entire year of 1967.

RESOLUTIONS

By Commissioner Ridenour—

I move that the Officers and Men that remained on duty during the emergency have written commendations put in their personnel records.

Supported by Commissioner Hill.

Carried.

GENERAL ORDER

Commissioner Ridenour gave a verbal report on the trip to Detroit Metropolitan Airport by some board members and councilmen to observe their emergency crash vehicles. It was learned that the airport charges the airlines for emergency fire service and Commissioner Ridenour suggested the City look into the possibility of following the same proceedure here.

Commissioner Canady expressed the opinion that the administrative duties of the Fire Board had been usurped by the City Council due to the non-reprimand agreement that became a part of the negotiations. He further stated that he felt a member of the Fire Board should at least be permitted to attend the final negotiations. During the discussion Councilman Louis Adado, Chairman of the Council Public Safety Committee, said he would inform the City Council of the feeling of the Fire Board regarding this matter.

Gary L. Thomas, President of Fire Fighter Local 421 stated he felt that it would be to the advantage of everyone involved to have a member of the Board sit in during the negotiations.

Gary L. Thomas, President of Fire Fighter Local 421, requested a meeting with the Board to clear up several questions regarding the new rule book.

Vice-Chairman Rathbun stated that the Board would try to meet with representatives of Local 421 sometime before the next regular Board meeting, September 5, 1968.

By Commissioner Kauffman—

I move we adjourn.

Supported by Commissioner Sheathelm.

Carried.

The Board adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

HAROLD F. GLUMM,
Acting Secretary.

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quainted therewith, and it shall be the duty of each prisoner entitled to release with the credit for good behavior allowance to call to the attention of the Chief of Police or any of his officers the fact that he is entitled to release, and the Chief of Police shall not be liable to respond to any prisoner or former prisoner in damages in any form of action, particularly false imprisonment, if any excess time up to the maximum of the original sentence without good behavior allowance be served.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Council adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

THEO FULTON,
City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan

September 16, 1968.

F/B/M

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, September 5, 1968

The Lansing Fire Board met in regular session and was called to order by Chairman David V. Buhl.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Sheathelm, Buhl, Rathbun, Ridenour, Kauffman, Canady, Hill —7.

Absent: Commissioner Wolfram, who was excused from the meeting.

By Commissioner Sheathelm—

I move we approve the minutes of the previous meeting as printed.

Supported by Commissioner Ridenour.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Space presented a letter of appreciation from Dr. Philip E. Irion, Tournament Director of the Capital City Water Ski Club for the ambulance service provided by the department at the Spartan Open Water Ski Tournament August 3 and 4, 1968.

Received and placed on file.

Chief Space submitted a letter of appreciation from Raymond E. LaFave for the efficient manner in which his daughter was handled during two ambulance calls in the past two years.

Received and placed on file, with a copy of the letter posted in the ambulance company station.

The Board received a letter from Gary L. Thomas, President of Lansing Fire Fighters Local 421, outlining a plan to eliminate much of the "acting out of capacity" situations in the fire department.

Referred to the Committee of The Whole.

APPLICATIONS AND RESIGNATIONS

September 5, 1968

Lansing Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Attached are notices of retirement from the Lansing Fire Department from Captain Raymond Bullock and Captain Walter Goodz.

Captain Bullock was appointed to the department July 16, 1944 and his retirement will be effective October 1, 1968.

Captain Goodz was appointed to the department September 1, 1943 and his retirement will be effective October 6, 1968.

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The members of the Lansing Fire Department join me in wishing them many enjoyable years ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR E. SPACE,
Chief.

By Commissioner Kauffman—

I move the notices of retirement be approved.

Supported by Commissioner Rathbun.

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

By Commissioner Rathbun—

Your Buildings and Equipment Committee has reviewed the bids submitted by manufacturers to supply two pumping engines for the City of Lansing Fire Department, and we recommend the bid submitted by the Seagrave Fire Apparatus Company for $64,340.10 be accepted, as it is the lowest bid that complies with the specifications.

Supported by Commissioner Ridenour.

Carried.

The Secretary was directed to furnish the Purchasing Division and the Public Safety Committee of the City Council with a copy of the Committee Report and the Board's action.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

August 28, 1968

Lansing Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Firemen Eric Stevens, Roger Weber and Wendell Gibson have completed the required probationary period and passed recent physical examinations. Reports from their officers indicate their work has been satisfactory. I recommend their appointments to the Lansing Fire Department be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR E. SPACE,
Chief.

By Commissioner Hill—

I move their appointments to the Lansing Fire Department be confirmed.

Supported by Commissioner Canady.

Carried.

Chief Space gave a verbal report on the ambulance, fire and emergency calls.

Chief Space reported that Assistant Chief Burnett, Chief of Training Brethauer and the architect had met with him several times, and final details and drawings are being completed of the Training Site. When the drawings are finalized, they will be submitted to the Building Committee for approval. The Chief gave a detailed report of the facilities to be included in the Training Site.

Assistant Chief Burnett reported that six men were on sick leave, and that there had been three knee injuries recently in the department.

GENERAL ORDER

Chairman David Buhl announced that the meeting requested by the Fire Fighters regarding the Rule Book had not been held due to arrangement difficulties. He set a tentative date for this meeting, September 19, 1968 at 7:30 P.M. and suggested that the discussions of Act 78, acting time in the department and the Rules and Regulations be held at this meeting. Gary L. Thomas, President of Lansing Fire Fighters Local 421, agreed to the time and date for this meeting. Chairman Buhl suggested that any information to aid in the discussions should be exchanged before the meeting.

By Commissioner Kauffman—

I move we adjourn.

Supported by Commissioner Rathbun.

Carried.

The Board adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

WILLIAM R. GREW,
Secretary.

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Code was introduced by Councilman Smith read a first and second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Ordinance and Contracts.

By Councilman Moore—

That smoking on City buses be referred to Committees on Public Safety and Ordinance and Contracts.

Carried.

Councilman Moore called attention to the burning of leaves at this time. It is permissiable to burn them in a cement driveway but not between the curb and sidewalk. Asked that this be given publicity by news media.

Councilman Smith called attention that 3 children were struck last week—one at the corner of Genesee and Jenison, at Oakland and Jenison and one at W. Michigan and Stanley St. He pointed out that education is given to student driving but the adult driver should also be given more training. With the opening of Oakland Street west the traffic volumn has increased. He also would like to have the special committee on overpasses give consideration for a overpass at the corner of Oakland and Jenison. Would like to have Police Department check speeds in this area and Traffic Department check the traffic.

Eugene Lloyd of Labor Local 998 spoke relative estimate income tax form.

By Councilman May:

That Eastern High School has requested permission to have a homecoming parade and car caravan on Friday, October 18, 1968.

Referred to Committee on City Affairs with power to act.

Council adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

THEO FULTON,
City Clerk.

Lansing, Michigan

October 14, 1968.

F/B

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, October 3, 1968

The Lansing Fire Board met in regular session and was called to order by Chairman David V. Buhl.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Sheathelm, Buhl, Rathbun, Ridenour, Kauffman and Canady —6.

Absent: Commissioners Wolfram and Hill—2.

Commissioners Wolfram and Hill were excused from the meeting.

By Commissioner Kauffman—

I move we approve the minutes of the previous meeting as printed.

Supported by Commissioner Sheathelm.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Speerbrecker, 3720 Glenwood, submitted a card of appreciation for the efficient work of the fire department at a fire at their home September 4, 1968 at 9:33 P.M.

Received and placed on file, with a copy of the card posted on the bulletin board.

Chief Arthur Patriarche of the East Lansing Fire Department submitted a letter

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of thanks for the stand-by service supplied by the Lansing Fire Department September 11, 1968.

Received and placed on file.

Mr. Lloyd Bush, Director of Palmer Bush Company, presented a letter of thanks to the Honor Guard for their assistance during the services for retired Deputy Chief Waldo Peterson, September 14, 1968.

Received and placed on file, with a copy of the letter sent to the Honor Guard.

Mr. H. Dale Jones, Managing Director of the Lansing Safety Council, submitted a letter of thanks for the services of Marshal Phillip Alber during the 7th Annual Safety Patrol Clinic September 7, 1968.

Received and placed on file.

Mr. Keith Winans, Administrator for the Ingham County Extended Care Facility, sent a letter of appreciation for the training course presented by Inspectors Henry Lecato and Gordon Adsit September 18, 1968.

Received and placed on file.

APPLICATIONS AND RESIGNATIONS

September 26, 1968

Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Fireman Dominic Spagnuolo has submitted his resignation from the Lansing Fire Department, effective September 22, 1968, to enter a business venture. I recommend his resignation be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR E. SPACE,
Chief.

By Commissioner Kauffman—

I recommend his resignation be accepted. Supported by Commissioner Canady.

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

September 23, 1968

Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

We recommend the following amendments to the Rules and Regulations, effective October 3, 1968:

Section 174—B. Penalties

1. Verbal reprimand. (Change to: Verbal or written reprimand).

Section 204.—Injury leave is any period during which a member is incapacitated by reason of injuries arising in the course of his department employment. (Add: Further, that no on duty injury leave be charged to sick leave).

Personnel Committee,

BERNIECE C. HILL,
Chairman,

RALPH E. KAUFFMAN, JR.,
Vice Chairman,

JOHN C. RATHBUN,
CLINTON CANADY, JR.

By Commissioner Kauffman—

I move the Committee Report be approved.

Supported by Commissioner Canady.

Carried.

The Personnel Committee, in response to direction from the Board, has studied the matter of Public Act 78 and the overall desirability and existing provisions and requirements of the City Charter which would be involved should action be taken to permit application of the provisions of Act 78 to the Lansing Fire Department. In addition to a careful review of the Act, a meeting has been held with representatives of Fire Fighters Local 421 and discussions have been held with personnel of representative departments in outstate Michigan presently operating under Act 78.

It appears the provisions of Act 78 would be in conflict with the City Charter requiring revision of Section 7.13 (recruiting activities, maintenance of personnel records, authority to transfer, suspend, reinstate and terminate), and of Section 7.16 (appointment of the Chief and promotions within the department). The provisions of Act 78 would be in conflict with the Fire Department Rules and Regulations requiring revision of Section 5 (probationary period), Section 6 (authority of the Chief to extend the probationary period), Section 10 (qualifications for appointment) and Sections 174 and 175 (major disciplinary actions).

The principle argument for Act 78 advanced by representatives of Fire Fighters Local 421 centered about the lack of a clear-cut promotion system within the Department. The Personnel Committee had already directed the Chief's attention to this area and the Chief has submitted proposed changes in the promotion system which are presently under study by the Board.

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Fire fighters of two departments presently operating under Act 78 told a committee member that better promotion policy and, in one case improved job security, have resulted from employment of the Act, which would seem to confirm one of the Committee findings noted in the preceding paragraph. A top officer of one department said definite dilution of command had occured since his department had been placed under the Act. The same officer also complained of "rigging" of examinations.

The Committee feels establishment of a firm promotion policy and publication of that policy will satisfy the principle shortcoming in Department policy which makes Act 78 attractive to Fire Fighters Local 421. In other areas the Committee feels the present organization of the Fire Department under terms of the City Charter, administered by the Fire Board, is able to more adequately and fairly meet the operating problems of the Department than would a reorganized Department providing for a 3-man commission under Public Act 78.

Accordingly, the Committee recommends the Board advise the Mayor and City Council that action which could result in placing the Fire Department under Public Act 78 would not, in the opinion of the Board, be in the best interest of the City or the Department.

Personnel Committee,

RALPH E. KAUFFMAN, JR.,
Vice Chairman,

CLINTON CANADY, JR.,
JOHN C. RATHBUN,

By Commissioner Kauffman—

I move the report of the Committee be approved.

Supported by Commissioner Canady.

Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Assistant Chief Burnett read a request, submited by Fireman William B. Besley, for funds to enter a basketball team in the Lansing City League. The total cost for entry fee, uniforms and equipment will be $150.00, and the team will be entered as the Lansing Fire Department team.

By Commissioner Canady—

I move we grant the request for funds for a Lansing Fire Department basketball team.

Supported by Commissioner Kauffman.

Carried.

Assistant Chief Burnett stated that three new members would start with the Fire Department October 20, 1968 to fill vacancies that exist.

A discussion relative to publicizing job opportunities with the fire department to all areas of the City was held, and it was determined the Personnel Committee would contact the Personnel Division regarding methods to publicize the need for applicants for the fire department.

Assistant Chief Burnett gave a detailed report of fire alarms and ambulance calls for the month, and a comparison of fire and ambulance calls for the same period last year. There has been a 10% increase in calls, but a decrease in fire loss.

Assistant Chief Burnett informed the members of the Board that the order for two new pumping engines has been placed with the Seagrave Apparatus Company, and that a new high expansion foam generator had been placed in service. He explained the working advantages of the high expansion foam, and that the Training Division has been instructing all companies in using the new foam generator.

Deputy Chief Burtraw reported on five members of the department on sick leave.

GENERAL ORDER

Gary L. Thomas, President of Fire Fighters Local 421, gave a brief report on the advantages of Act 78. He also suggested that a hydrant be installed at the training site, instead of using the street hydrant off the site.

By Commissioner Ridenour—

I recommend that hydrants be installed on the training site as soon as the plans have been approved.

Supported by Commissioner Sheathelm.

Carried.

Lieutenant Clifton Clevenger asked the members of the Board if they approved the Fire Science Course at Lansing Community College, and if promotional examinations would be based on courses offered at the College.

Chairman Buhl requested the Personnel Committee to make a study of the Fire Science Course offered to determine if parts or the entire course can be used for the promotional system to be used in the department.

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By Commissioner Ridenour—

I move the Personnel Committee be given power to act in the promotions of members to fill vacancies created by the retirement of two captains from the Department this month.

Supported by Commissioner Sheathelm.

Carried.

By Commissioner Rathbun—

I move we adjourn.

Supported by Commissioner Ridenour.

Carried.

The Board adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

WILLIAM R. GREW,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, October 2, 1968

Meeting called to order by Chairman Tietz at 7:30 P.M.

Present: Mrs. Borgman, Messrs. Faggion, Granger, Russell, Tietz—5.

Absent: Messrs. Hack, Mosher, Saenz—3.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved as printed.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Referral from the City Council of the preliminary plat of Joshua Meadows.

Committee report from the Committee on Streets and Sidewalks recommending the plat be approved provided an easement is granted for the extension of the Weigman Drain.

Motion by Mr. Granger supported by Mr. Faggion that the report of the Committee be accepted.

Carried.

Committee report from the Committee on Streets and Sidewalks, to whom was referred the request to vacate a portion of Bates and Ninth Streets, recommending that the request be approved subject to the retention of an easement for existing and future utilities which may be required in these streets.

Motion by Mr. Granger supported by Mr. Russell that the report of the Committee be accepted.

Carried.

Committee on Waste Disposal recommended that the request of the Sewage Plant Superintendent to allow eight employees to attend a Plant Operator's School at Gull Lake, be approved.

Motion by Mr. Faggion supported by Mr. Granger that the report of the Committee be accepted.

Carried.

Letter from the City Personnel Director regarding job analysis of Mechanics IVA.

Referred to the Committee on Personnel.

Letter from Mr. and Mrs. Nellis commending work of Mr. Ancell, Assistant Director of Public Service, on Delta River Drive.

Received and placed on file.

Motion by Mr. Russell supported by Mrs. Borgman that Mr. Backus be authorized to attend the APWA convention in Miami Beach this month.

Carried.

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has been taken out of our hands by the State Air Pollution Commission because of the many governmental units involved. A Variance Hearing regarding the problem will be held by that Commission on November 19, 1968. Mr. Pesterfield will keep the Board advised of developments.

A new complaint has been received regarding Fisher Body. Mr. Pesterfield wants to confer with the Michigan Department of Health before making recommendations. He will report at the next meeting. It was moved by Mr. Ruth, seconded by Mr. Zapata, that the Board concur in the recommendations of the Engineer.

Motion carried.

A communication has been received from the Council. Councilman May requests a report on the Air Pollution problems in the First Ward. It was moved by Mr. Ray, seconded by Mr. Ruth, that we respond to the request and, at the invitation of the Mayor, we are willing to meet with the Committee of The Whole for further discussion. The Board asked Mr. Pesterfield to prepare a report.

Motion carried.

A communication of gratitude was received from the family of Joseph Tamer.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday evening, November 27, 1968, at 7:30 p.m., in Room G-30, City Hall.

It was moved by Mr. Ruth, seconded by Mrs. Bock, that the meeting be adjourned. So ordered.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MARVIN TABLEMAN,
Chairman,

NORMA DONOVAN,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, November 7, 1968

The Lansing Fire Board met in regular session and was called to order by Chairman David V. Buhl.

ROLL CALL

Present—Commissioners Sheathelm, Buhl, Smith, Ridenour, Kauffman, Canady, Rathbun and Hill—8.

By Commissioner Sheathelm—

I move we approve the minutes of the previous meeting as printed.

Supported by Commissioner Rathbun.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Mary Walker, 1014 Robbins Road, submitted a card of thanks for the prompt and efficient ambulance service she received September 27, 1968.

Received and placed on file.

Mr. Harold B. Reed, Administrator for Clinton Memorial Hospital at St. Johns, submitted a letter of thanks for the demonstration and training program presented to the hospital employees by Marshal Phillip Alber and Inspector Henry Lecato.

Received and placed on file.

Captain Frank Vrablic of the Grand Haven Fire Department submitted a letter of thanks for the program presented by Marshal Alber during Fire Prevention Week.

Received and placed on file.

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Merle G. Barnhart, Vice President of the Lansing Jaycees, submitted a letter of appreciation for the program presented by the Fire Prevention Bureau during October.

Received and placed on file.

President Art Smith of the Lansing Jaycees presented a letter of thanks to Marshal Alber, firemen Bill Wilson, Rodger LaLonde and Lynn Bullard for the program presented during their October membership meeting.

Received and placed on file.

The Board received the following notices of action taken by the City Council:

That the appointment of Allen K. Smith to the Board of Fire Commissioners representing the Third Ward, for a term expiring June 30, 1971, be confirmed.

That the appointment of John C. Rathbun to the Board of Fire Commissioners as a Member-at-Large, for a term expiring June 30, 1970, be confirmed.

Both appointments were adopted unanimously.

Received and placed on file.

APPLICATIONS AND RESIGNATIONS

November 7, 1968

Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Attached is the resignation from the Lansing Fire Department, effective October 28, 1968, submitted by Fireman Candidate Robert J. Haughton.

I recommend his resignation be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR E. SPACE, Chief

By Commissioner Kauffman—

I recommend his resignation be accepted.

Supported by Commissioner Ridenour.

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

October 30, 1968

Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Your Planning Committee recommends the attached Capital Improvement Plan be approved for submitting to the Mayor's Office.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Clinton Canady, Jr.,
Chairman,

Ralph E. Kauffman, Jr.,
Vice Chairman,

Berniece C. Hill.

By Commissioner Canady—

I move we adopt the report of the Committee.

Supported by Commissioner Sheathelm.

Carried.

October 23, 1968

Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Your Personnel Committee, with power to act granted by the Fire Board October 3, 1968, approves the following promotions in the Fire Department effective October 6, 1968:

Lieutenants Jack Cushman and Lawrence Deason to Captain.

Engineers Joe Woodward and Robert Large to Lieutenant.

Firemen Donald Dennany and James Reck to Engineer.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Berniece C. Hill,
Chairman,

Ralph E. Kauffman, Jr.,
Vice Chairman,

John C. Rathbun,
Clinton Canady, Jr.

Received and placed on file.

Commissioner Berniece C. Hill, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, read a report of the Committee's decision after reviewing the Fire Science Course offered by the Lansing Community College.

The Chairman requested the report be treated as a Resolution.

Commissioner Russell Sheathelm, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated that his Committee would hold a meeting before the next Board meeting relative to the preparation of the 1969-1970 Fire Department Budget.

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REPORT OF OFFICERS

Chief Space reported there were 267 ambulance calls and 183 fire calls during October, and that the fire loss was less than for a comparable period last year. He also gave a comparison for the same period during the last three years of fire calls, fire losses and ambulance calls.

Chief Space reported that he had not yet received the final drawings of the architect's plans of the Training Site for submitting to the Board for their approval, but that he expected to receive them very soon. Two firemen candidates are completing their third week of training with the Training Division.

Vice Chairman Rathbun asked the Chief if anything had been done regarding the roof at No. 3 Fire Station. Chief Space stated that a representative of a roofing company had inspected the roof with him, and the trouble was in the flashing that had not been installed correctly to last as long as the rest of the roof. The Chief has requested estimates from the roofing company and a plasterer to repair the damage. He stated that No. 2 Engine had received repairs from the body shop, and was in the garage prior to being placed back in service.

Chief Space reported that seven members of the department were on sick leave.

Chairman Buhl asked the Chief if he had any information on the new apparatus that was on order. Chief Space informed the members of the Board that Assistant Chief Burnett and Chief of Apparatus Gurecki were leaving next week to inspect the Squad before it goes to the paint shop, and to inspect the progress of the two pumping engines at the factory.

RESOLUTIONS

FIRE BOARD POLICY

In response to direction from the Chairman, the Personnel Committee has reviewed the Fire Science Course offered by Lansing Community College, to consider its application to the department's promotion system.

The Committee believes completion of the course by Lansing Fire Department personnel should be given weight in consideration for promotion, but that AT THIS TIME the completion of the course should not be a requisite for promotion.

The Committee feels the Board should continue to encourage participation by Lansing Fire Department personnel in this course and possibly in other areas of outside schooling. Development of the new department promotion policy, currently under study by the Board, will recognize the value of such academic training.

By Commissioner Hill—

I recommend the Resolution be adopted.

Supported by Commissioner Kauffman.

Carried unanimously.

GENERAL ORDER

Fire Fighter's Local 421 President Gary Thomas thanked the Board for approving the promotions at the time the vacancies occurred, and informed the Board that the overtime situation had been taken care of by the Chief. He requested the help of the Board to alleviate the situation of increased increment time between the ranks when a promotion occurs.

Chairman Buhl informed President Thomas that they planned to have a meeting with the Fire Fighters in the near future.

By Commissioner Kauffman—

I move we adjourn.

Supported by Commissioner Ridenour.

Carried.

The Board adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

WILLIAM R. GREW,
Secretary.

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REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Cemetery and Perpetual Care Quarterly Report was submitted from Controller's office.

Placed on file.

Cemetery Division Report was submitted.

Placed on file.

Forestry Division Report was submitted.

Placed on file.

Parks Division Report was submitted.

Placed on file.

Recreation Division Report was submitted.

Placed on file.

Mr. Herbert Kipke extended an invitation to Board Members to attend the Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner on December 18, 1968.

Staff reports were given.

President English brought up for thought and discussion the subject of the feasibility of opening up "Pro Shops" at one or more of our golf course concessions.

Referred to Recreation Committee and Staff for study.

Mr. C. Robert Sherry joined the meeting.

Park Board badges were presented to members Roy H. McFall, John F. Powers, and C. Robert Sherry.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved:

CHARLES E. HAYDEN

Respectfully submitted,

JANE RUST,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRE BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, December 5, 1968

The Lansing Fire Board met in regular session and was called to order by Chairman David V. Buhl.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Sheathelm, Buhl, Smith, Ridenour, Kauffman, Canady, Rathbun and Hill—8.

By Commissioner Sheathelm—

I move we approve the minutes of the previous meeting as printed.

Supported by Commissioner Hill.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Stephen A. Partington, Superintendent of Schools, submitted a letter of thanks to Chief Space and the members of the department for the many services rendered the Lansing School District during 1968.

Received and placed on file.

Catherine Dettling, Business Secretary for the Lansing Business and Professional Women's Club of Lansing, submitted a letter of thanks to the Fire Department for the tour of the station provided their group October 22nd.

Received and placed on file.

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Lieutenant Russell Detering of the Lansing Police Department submitted a letter of thanks for the efficient manner under difficult conditions that members of the Fire Department, under the direction of Deputy Chief Robert Kennedy, removed a drowning victim from a manhole October 26, 1968.

Received and placed on file, with a copy posted on the station bulletin boards listing the members responding to the call. The following members responded: Lieutenant Harold Cummings, Lieutenant Willard Jedlicka, Engineer Leo Savoie, Engineer Mark Holliday, firemen Thomas Merchant, Donald Pricco, LaVerne Foess and Arthur Overly.

Letters of thanks for the Fire Prevention Skit presented at grade schools were received from Mrs. N. A. Burkle and Pat Shaver, teachers in the Lansing School District. Members participating in the program with Sam Gingrich of Michigan State University are firemen Rodger LaLonde and Walter Barnes.

Received and placed on file, with copies sent to the participating members.

Warren A. Ritter, Director of Children's Services for Ingham County Probate Court, submitted a letter of thanks for the efforts of Marshal Alber in obtaining the building at 600 Lesher Place for a home facility for neglect children.

Received and placed on file.

R. M. Patty, Executive Administrator for Roselawn Manor, submitted a letter of thanks for the program and fire drills presented by Inspector Henry Lecato at the convalescent home.

Received and placed on file.

A letter of thanks was received from Grace and Gladys Doyle, 1919 S. Washington Ave., for the ambulance service for their brother provided by the Fire Department when no other ambulance service was available.

Received and placed on file, with copies to firemen John Gillengerten and Clarence Griggs of the ambulance crew.

The Board received an expression of deep gratitude from Civil Defense Director James Holcomb for the kind and efficient service of the ambulance crew when his wife sustained a fractured ankle November 19, 1968.

Received and placed on file.

A letter of a personal nature from Lieutenant Gerald Green to Assistant Chief Burnett was referred to the Personnel Committee.

Mrs. L. W. Jackson, 405 N. Magnolia Ave., submitted a letter of appreciation for the Fire Safety in the Home program presented by Inspector Gordon Adsit.

Received and placed on file.

APPLICATIONS AND RESIGNATIONS

December 5, 1968

Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

Attached is the resignation from the Lansing Fire Department, effective November 30, 1968, submitted by Fireman Candidate Robert Preston.

I recommend his resignation be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR E. SPACE,
Chief.

By Commissioner Hill—

I recommend his resignation be accepted. Supported by Commissioner Kauffman.

Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

December 5, 1968

Lansing Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

The Committee of the Whole recommends the following ranks be added in the Lansing Fire Department to alleviate the acting time and improve the efficiency of operation, and that this recommendation be submitted to the City Council:

1 additional Deputy Chief VI rank	$ 2,428.00
14 additional Captain IV ranks	21,364.00
7 less Lieutenant III ranks	—6,237.00
6 additional Engineer II ranks	2,412.00
1 additional Fireman I	8,100.00
	$28,067.00

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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December 5, 1968

Lansing Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

Your Committee of the Whole approves the request for the purchase of a four wheel drive Bronco type roadster with open cab, 4,700 lb. GVW chassis and 302 cubic inch V8 engine, fully equipped with an estimated price of $5,000.00 submitted by the Fire Department. This specialized piece of equipment would be used for parking ramp fires, brush or tree fires, freeway or depressed highway fires, State complex fires or any place unaccessible for our present apparatus. The Bronco is requested due to its short turning radius. This apparatus would be an alternate apparatus for a company in service, would not require additional manpower and would be purchased from the savings of this year's equipment purchases.

It will be equipped as follows: 100 gallon water tank with valves and fittings, John Bean pump, nozzle and manual hose reel, 100 feet of ½ inch high pressure hose, front mount electric winch, two Beacon-ray lights, a Federal siren with speaker, two Scott air paks, a 15 lb. CO2 extinguisher and a water type hand pump.

We recommend that this request be submitted to the City Council for their action.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

December 5, 1968

Lansing Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

The Committee of the Whole recommends that certain maintenance of fire department buildings be placed on bids, and that this recommendation be submitted to the City Council along with the required maintenance.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

December 5, 1968

Lansing Fire Board

Lansing, Michigan

The Committee of the Whole recommends a review of the Fire Prevention Bureau salary rates to equalize the classifications in this Division, and that this recommendation be submitted to the City Council.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

By Commissioner Kauffman—

I move that the Committee of the Whole reports be approved.

Supported by Commissioner Sheathelm.

Adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Sheathelm, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that his Committee had held a meeting to study a preliminary draft of the proposed 1969-1970 Budget, and would have the completed proposal for submitting to the Board during the January meeting.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Deputy Chief Burtraw reported there were 221 ambulance calls, 40 building fires and 138 other alarms during November. He also reported that five members of the department were on sick leave.

Chairman Buhl announced that a meeting with representatives of Fire Fighters Local 421 would be held at 7:30 P.M. December 12, 1968.

By Commissioner Kauffman—

I move we adjourn.

Supported by Commissioner Rathbun.

Carried.

The Board adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

WILLIAM R. GREW,
Secretary.

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